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INFO: COMTR ARDC ANDREWS AFB MD

~~SECRET~~ FROM WDTSL-58-13

ATTN: AFCCM. INFO: COL AMOLA. REFERENCE AFDDC 58951 DATED 2 APR. THIS HEADQUARTERS IS CURRENTLY BEING DENIED URGENTLY NEEDED INFORMATION ON JPL EXPLORER SATELLITE WORK. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THIS INFO BEING DENIED BY DIRECTION OF GENERAL ARNOLD BECAUSE OF HIS HAVING BEEN DENIED ILL INFORMATION. THE AFBMD LUNAR PROBE PROJECT RECENTLY DIRECTED BY ARPA (ARPA ORDER 2-58 DATED 27 MAR 1958) HAS IMMEDIATE, REPEAT IMMEDIATE, REQUIREMENT FOR ACCESS TO JPL EXPLORER DESIGN INFORMATION AND FLIGHT TEST DATA. THIS INCLUDES (1) DESIGN OF AIRBORNE PAYLOAD EQUIPMENT; (2) DESIGN OF SPIN STABILIZATION SYSTEM FOR THIRD STAGE AND PAYLOAD; (3) FLIGHT DATA ON BOTH OF THESE. THIS HEADQUARTERS FEELS THAT THE SUCCESS OF OUR LUNAR PROBE FLIGHTS WILL BE GREATLY AND UNNECESSARILY JEOPARDIZED BY FAILURE TO UTILIZE JPL EXPERIENCE AND DATA. SINCE THE EXPLORER WAS AN IGY DIRECTED EFFORT

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IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT ANY SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS CAN BE A BASIS FOR DENIAL OF THIS REQUEST. REQUEST YOU TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER.

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